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1. FOLLOWING IS NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 2, 1974:

2. QUOTE: TURKISH 'TRUCE'

TURKEY'S CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF THE CYPRUS TRUCE, RIGHT ON THE HEELS OF A SECOND CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, ARE AN AFFRONT TO ITS ALLIES IN NATO AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S ONE-DAY DELAY IN AUTHORIZING INTER-POSITION OF THE U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE -- AS A RESULT OF A SOVIET VETO, WHICH NOW HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN -- DOES NOT JUSTIFY IN ANY WAY THE SUCCESSION OF NEW TURKISH VIOLATIONS: SEIZURE OF GREEK CYPRIOTE VILLAGES; ORDERS TO U.N. UNITS TO LEAVE THE TURKISH OCCUPATION ZONE; AND THE CONTINUED TURKISH MILITARY BUILDUP ON THE ISLAND.

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THE TERMS OBTAINED IN THE GENEVA PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WERE

SUBSTANTIALLY IN TURKEY'S FAVOR, AS PREMIER ECEVIT HAS BOASTED. THEY HAVE BEEN SWALLOWED UNHAPPILY BY THE GREEKS AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTE COMMUNITY AS AN UNAVOIDABLE YIELDING TO SUPERIOR FORCE--AND AS A PENALTY FOR A CRISIS GREECE'S FORMER MILITARY JUNTA HAD PRECIPITATED. FOR TURKEY NOW

TO EXPLOIT ITS ADVANTAGES TO IMPROVE ITS POSITION FURTHER IN VIOLATION OF SOLEMN AGREEMENTS CAN ONLY HANDICAP THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF A LASTING SETTLEMENT AND UNDERMINE THE NEW ATHENS GOVERNMENT.

MR. ECEVIT'S THREAT TO IMPROVE THE ARMS AND TRAINING OF IRREGULAR TURKISH CYPRIOTE FORCES IN AREAS OF CYPRUS OUTSIDE THE TURKISH OCCUPATION ZONE, RATHER THAN RELY ON U.N. PROTECTION AS IN THE PAST, COMES AT A MOMENT WHEN INCREASED COOPERATION WITH THE U.N. IS WHAT IS REQUIRED. EQUALLY OMINOUS IS MR. ECEVIT'S CLAIM THAT TURKEY HAS THE RIGHT UNDER THE NEW GENEVA ACCORDS AND THE 1960 AGREEMENTS TO REINFORCE ITS UNITS ON CYPRUS AT WILL.

THERE ARE OTHER INDICATORS THAT TURKEY--INSTEAD OF SEEKING AN EARLY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT MAINTAINING AN INDEPENDENT, UNITARY CYPRUS--IS DIGGING IN FOR A LONG STAY THAT WOULD, IN EFFECT, IMPOSE PARTITION AND EVEN "DOUBLE ENOSIS"--UNION OF THE TWO PARTS OF THE ISLAND WITH GREECE AND TURKEY RESPECTIVELY. MR. ECEVIT AND TURKEY'S ENERGY MINISTER YESTERDAY SPOKE OF A CRASH PROGRAM TO BUILD A LARGE POWER PLANT, FUEL STORAGE AND AIR AND SEAPORT FACILITIES ON CYPRUS, PLUS A SUBMARINE PIPELINE FROM TURKEY TO SUPPLY WATER TO KYRENIA ON CYPRUS. NEITHER TURKEY'S ALLIES IN NATO NOR THE UNITED NATIONS CAN ACCEPT SUCH A PROGRAM AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY MAKE CLEAR IMMEDIATELY. AS SUPPLIER OF ARMS TO TURKEY, THE UNITED STATES HAS--OR OUGHT TO HAVE--PARTICULARLY STRONG LEVERAGE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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